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What Child Is This, GREENSLEEVES
Traditional English Melody
Lyric by William C. Dix

Verse:
Slowly (\( \text{L}=ca. 98\))

Melody

1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly, a-fraid,
   wrapped in the chill of mid-day;
2. Who is the stran-ger here in our midst,
   look-ing for shel-ter a-bove;
3. Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace;
   bring those with noth-ing to

Counter-melody

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
   On Mar-y’s lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate,
   Where ex-pectations are
3. So bring him in incense, gold, and myrrh,
   Come peas-ants, kings, to

Keyboard

B

winter; comes now a-mong us,

Em
Who is the out-cast? Who do we see a-mid the

G
strength-en the fee-ble,
say to the fright-en-ed heart: “Fear

D

D7

sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet,

D

While

Em

feed-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin-ners here

G

The

D

own him; The King of kings sal-vation brings,

D7

Let
Refrain:

1. brace, a new life for the world.
2. poor, the children of God?
3. not: here is your God!

Who is this who lives with the shepherds watching? Are keeping? This, this is

1. silent Word is pleading.
2. loving hearts enthroning him.

lowly, sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger? This is

Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child, a child of the Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of poor.

Mary.